

# COMMUTER ALERT

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**SAN BERNARDINO** - At approximately 1:30 p.m. on Monday, May 5, a fire began on the Rancho Road Overpass project on Interstate 15 (I-15) in Hesperia. It has been determined that the cause of the fire was contractor work to cut rebar with welding equipment. The overpass project is being lead by San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG).

All lanes of I-15 remain closed at this time at Rancho Road. SANBAG, Caltrans, San Bernardino County Fire, California Highway Patrol (CHP), and the contractor, Security Paving have removed the northbound portion of the bridge and debris and are currently working to clean-up and repair the highway so that lanes can be reopened as quickly as possible. The agencies are still planning to reopen some of the northbound I-15 lanes at approximately 4:00 p.m. today and southbound I-15 lanes tomorrow, Wednesday, May 7. *This opening schedule is only an estimate and subject to change.*

Motorists are advised to use alternate routes to avoid heavy traffic delays such as SR 18 (to SR 138 east to I-15) in Victorville and SR 138 (to SR 18 north to I-15) in the Cajon Pass. There are also local routes that can be used as detours in the Hesperia/Victorville area. Currently there are two lanes open for northbound I-15 Rancho Road off ramp and one lane open for I-15 southbound Rancho Road off ramp. *Caltrans is asking motorists to please allow local traffic to utilize the detours closest to Rancho Road to keep the traffic delays minimal.*

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